

Prison term will be next in ammo scam

CHICAGO (AP) — The former head of an ammunition-testing facility in Joliet faces up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines for conspiring to get the Defense Department to accept faulty ammunition.

James Law, who directed Alliant Techsystems' ammunition testing facility, pleaded guilty to the charges Monday, the U.S. attorney's office said. A sentencing hearing was set June 19.

Russell Miller, the company's ballistics quality engineer at Joliet, was expected to enter a plea this week, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney William Cook.

"Law provided over 1.1 million rounds on non-specification ammunition to the government which he knew at the time did not meet government specifications," Cook said Tuesday.

"As the head of the test facility, Law's role was to find a way to get the government to accept the non-standard ammunition, which he did by falsifying reports," he said.

Law, 51, of Coon Rapids, Minn., and Russell Miller, the company's ballistics quality engineer at Joliet, were charged Friday with conspiracy in a scheme that lasted from 1984 to 1987, Cook said.

Alliant is the company that resulted when Honeywell Inc. sold its ammunition business to shareholders last year.